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The period under 37 CFR 1.304 for seeking court review of the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered January 9, 2009 has expired and no further action has been taken by appellant. The proceedings as to the rejected claims are considered terminated; see 37 CFR 1.197(b).

The application will be passed to issue on allowed claims 19 and 28 provided the following formal matters are promptly corrected: Claims 19 must be rewritten in independent form including all the limitations found in claims 1 and 19. Prosecution is otherwise closed.

Applicant is required to make the necessary corrections addressing the outstanding formal matters within a shortened statutory period set to expire ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter. Extensions of time may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from an examiner should be directed to Primary Examiner Allan Wilson whose telephone number is 571-272-1738. Examiner Wilson can normally be reached 7:00-3:30 Monday-Friday (off first Friday).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ken Parker can be reached on 571-272-2298. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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